GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT HYDERABAD
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new international airport at Hyderabad has started functioning;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the special features of the new airport;

(c) whether the functioning of the existing airport has been dispensed with;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Employees` Union has demanded the continuance of the service of the existing airport; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The new international airport is situated near Shamshabad in Ranga Reddy district of Andhra Pradesh covering an area of about 5400 acres (approximately). The private participants led by GMR Group holds 74% stake and remaining 26% stake is held by Airports Authority of India and Government of Andhra Pradesh. In the initial phase Hyderabad International Airport is capable of handling 12 million passengers. The airport has a terminal area of 105,300 sq.m. with 3,200 peak hour passenger capacity. The airport has 137,000 sq.m. of Apron area and 100,000 tonnes/year of Cargo capacity.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. As per the Concession Agreement signed between Government o f India and Hyderabad International Airport Limited for the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the Hyderabad International airport, the Government of India will have to ensure that after commissioning of the new airport the existing Begumpet airport shall not be open or available for use for commercial civil aviation operation. However, General Aviation Services (other than those relating to commercial aircraft, charter flights, aircraft hired or operated under commercial arrangements) may continue to be provided at the Begumpet Airport at Hyderabad.

(e) & (f) Various Public Interest Litigations (PILs) including that of Employees Union of Airports Authority of India for keeping the Begumpet Airport open for commercial operations are subjudiced in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh.